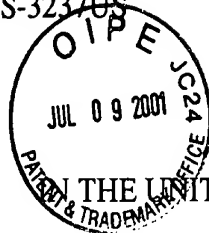


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This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment supplements the Preliminary Amendment filed on March 19, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

21. (Newly Added) A method for recording a compressed signal that has been encoded using at least one quantization step from a first set of quantization steps, the method including the steps of:

- (a) recording the compressed signal;
- (b) reducing the first set of quantization steps into a second set of quantization steps and a third set of multiplier factors,

wherein (1) each quantization step in the first set is a different numerical value within the first set and (2) each quantization step in the second set is a different numerical value within the second set;

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